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SUBJECT: UK FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN VISITS HUNGARY

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1. DURING OFFICIAL VISIT TO BUDAPEST JULY 28-29, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN HELD TALKS WITH PARTY FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR, PRESIDENT PAL LOSONCZI, AND FONMIN FRIGYES PUJA ON BILATERAL TRADE MATTERS, EAST-WEST POLITICAL ISSUES, AND ON MIDDLE EAST.
2. ACCORDING UK EMBASSY HERE, VISIT BEGAN WITH MARATHON FOUR AND ONE-HALF HOUR SESSION WITH FONMIN PUJA WHICH CALLAGHAN LATER DESCRIBED AS "GRISLY PERFORMANCE". BY WAY OF COMPARISON, FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HIS INITIAL SESSION WITH PUJA AND HIS COHORTS WORSE THAN THAT WITNESSED IN MOSCOW IN FEBRUARY, AND MUCH WORSE THAN IN WARSAW EARLIER THIS MONTH.
3. CALLAGHAN'S TALKS WITH KADAR AND LOSONCZI WENT EVER  
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SO MUCH BETTER, WITH BOTH SIDES CONCENTRATING ON POSITIVE

STEPS TO BE TAKEN AFTER CSCE SUMMIT. KADAR TOLD CALLAGHAN THAT HUNGARIANS REALLY DESIRE IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH WEST; THAT GOH TAKES SERIOUSLY ITS OBLIGATIONS AGREED TO AT GENEVA AND WILL PROPOSE SERIES OF IMPLEMENTING STEPS TO HMG DURING AUTUMN OF 1975. CALLAGHAN SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD UK OFFICERS WHO HAD NOT ATTENDED THIS SESSION THAT THERE HAD BEEN "MEETING OF MINDS" BETWEEN HIM AND KADAR.

4. FINMIN PUJA TOLD CALLAGHAN JULY 28 THAT US-USSR UNDERSTANDINGS ARE WELL AND GOOD, BUT SMALLER COUNTRIES MUST ALSO FIND THEIR PROPER PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL ARENA. PUJA SAID WARSAW PACT NOT REJOICING OVER WESTERN ECONOMIC CRISIS AND IS NOT ATTEMPTING TO EXPLOIT IT. AT THAT POINT CALLAGHAN REJOINED "THANKS". CALLAGHAN TOLD PUJA THAT PORTUGAL IS TOUCHSTONE OF DETENTE; IF PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS CONTINUE TO DRIVE PEOPLE DOWN PATH THEY DO NOT WISH TO FOLLOW, THERE WILL BE NO PROGRESS TO DETENTE. PUJA INTERJECTED THAT INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ONE COUNTRY SHOULD NOT AFFECT DETENTE. CALLAGHAN COUNTERED "BUT THEY WILL".

5. CALLAGHAN ADVISED PUJA TO USE HUNGARIAN INFLUENCE WITH PLO AND ARABS TO BLOCK MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UN. PUJA THEN ASKED IF U.S. SERIOUS ABOUT THREAT TO WITHDRAW FROM UNGA. CALLAGHAN ANSWERED THAT U.S. TAKING MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY; AND HE ADDED THAT ACTION BY WARSAW PACT NATIONS TO PREVENT EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF ISREAL WOULD ASSIST PEACE EFFORTS IN MIDEAST.

6. UK OFFICIALS HAD LONG, SOMEWHAT CONTENTIOUS DRAFTING SESSION OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE. GOH SOUGHT TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE CALLING FOR REMOVAL OF TRADE DISCRIMINATION, AN UNSUBTLE REFERENCE TO EEC BAN ON HUNGARIAN BEEF IMPORTS; GOH TRIED TO INSERT SENTENCE ON PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE; GOH ALSO VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED RECOGNIZING ROLE OF INDIVIDUALS IN PROMOTING CULTURAL RELATIONS, A POINT ON WHICH FCO DRAFTSMEN INSISTED. HUNGARIANS DROPPED THEIR TWO PROPOSALS AFTER MUCH TUSSLING AND AGREED TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO POSITIVE ROLE OF INDIVIDUALS IN CULTURAL RELATIONS.

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7. JUST BEFORE DEPARTING CALLAGHAN TOLD UK EMBASSY THAT VISIT HAD GONE WELLAFTER SHAKY START AND THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH OUTCOME. HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS APPEARED TENSE AND APPREHENSIVE DURING FIRST DAY'S DISCUSSIONS, BUT LATER RELAXED CONSIDERABLY WITH EVEN FONMIN PUJA SHOWING JOVIALITY. MCAULIFFE UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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